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## **ALLARD INTRODUCES “FAST ACT” TO ACCELERATE STATE ROAD PROJECTS**

### **States Given Authority to Charge User Fee for Interstate Expansion Lanes**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today introduced legislation to accelerate state road projects by giving states the authority to charge a user fee to pay for Interstate expansion lanes.

The Freeing Alternatives to Speedy Transportation Act or “FAST Act” would allow states to create an authority that collects user fees to finance expansion lanes on Interstate highways.

“The FAST Act would give states an important new tool to alleviate traffic congestion , increase highway capacity and decrease pollution,” Allard said. “The options it opens through user-choice and dedicated funding will promote sound state planning and decision making.”

Allard emphasized the fees would be collected solely for the expansion lanes, would not be used for other road projects, and would end once construction of the lanes is paid in full. The fees would pay for the project, end, and the lanes would be available to everyone for free.

The fees cannot be placed on the entire highway, only on the new expansion lanes. The bill requires electronic fee collection in order to avoid congestion due to collection booths.

The Colorado Department of Transportation has endorsed the Allard FAST Act.

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